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Crossbow killer linked to Queens Quay package

FATALITIES

Three dead in Scarborough, evacuation downtown

The screams rang out just before 1 p.m., rising from the yard of a small bungalow in Scarborough and ringing out through the tree-lined residential street.

It was clearly an argument, one neighbour said — a young man yelling, another man screaming "calm down," prompting a woman to come out of the house to join them.

By the time police arrived, silence. Responding to a 911 call reporting a stabbing at a home near Lawndale and Argo Roads. Thursday, police officers and emergency personnel were met by a grisly sight.

One man dead on the home's driveway, the bodies of another man and a woman found steps away, inside a small garage on the back of the home's property.

All died from what police described as crossbow bolt injuries — and a 35-year-old man arrested soon after the bodies were discovered is believed to be behind the attacks, a police source said.

The identities of the victims and the suspect have not yet been released, but the police source said investigators believe they are related. As of late Thursday night, Toronto police had not yet announced any criminal charges.

Just two hours after the bodies were found, the bizarre case took another turn as Toronto police launched a separate, related investigation into a possible bomb threat at a condominium in downtown Toronto.

Around 3 p.m., police ordered residents to evacuate 218 Queens Quay, then called in the chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive team to investigate a suspicious package.

Toronto police Superintendent Bill Neadles said late Thursday night that the package was discovered inside one of the units in the building, after police arrived to notify someone in the apartment "some of the events that may have transpired today."

> **Oh my god, in front of where my kids play? These were human beings.**
> Ragu Sangaramoorthy

They were sent to the unit by a call from one of investigators at the scene of the Scarborough crossbow deaths, Neadles said. He would not say whether the condo unit is believed to belong to the suspect in case.

Toronto police homicide Det.-Sgt. Mike Carbone told reporters police were only beginning their probe into the complex case, and had few details.

"With this being (only) a four-hour investigation, we still have a ways to go to determine what exactly happened," Carbone said in a scrum Thursday night.

Neighbours believe the home where the deaths occurred has been occupied in the last few years by a middle-aged couple.

Property records show the house was bought by Susan and William Ryan in 2010; neighbour Karen Mercado says William passed away two years ago.

Jerome Cruz was in his yard around 1 p.m. when he heard screaming coming from across the fence. His backyard abuts the yard where the bodies were found.

"A young man screaming. I heard another man say 'calm down' and a lady come from the house," Cruz said Thursday.

Ragu Sangaramoorthy, who lives in the area, said he arrived home from work to see his street taped off. His kids were in the back seat.

"Oh my God, in front of where my kids play? … I'm scared now. These were human beings."

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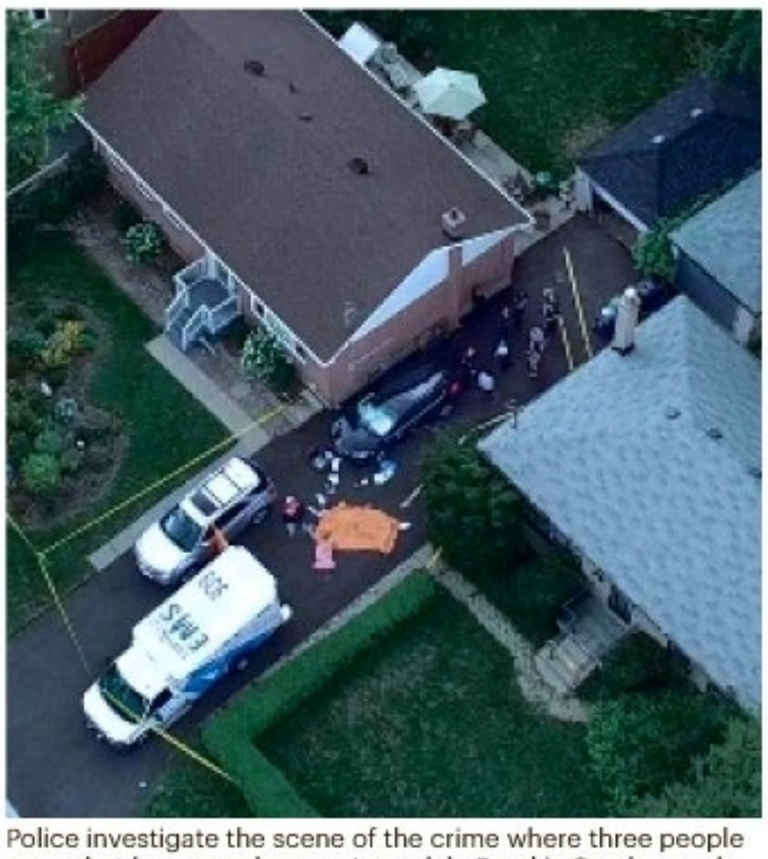

Police investigate the scene of the crime where three people were shot by a crossbow on Lawndale Road in Scarborough on Thursday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TIMELINE OF CROSSBOW KILLING SPREE

10:15 A.M. — THE MURDER
Toronto police tweet about a "stabbing" at Lawndale Road and Argo Road with two victims.

2 P.M. — THE ARREST
Police confirm three people are dead after being shot with a crossbow near Lawndale and Argo and one person has been arrested. They later add that there's a fourth victim, a man who sustained minor injuries.

3 P.M. — THE PACKAGE
Police investigate a suspicious package in a building at Queens Quay and Lower Simcoe. A floor is evacuated.

5:15 P.M. — THE LINK
police confirm evacuation on Queen's Quay is somehow linked to triple murder with crossbow.

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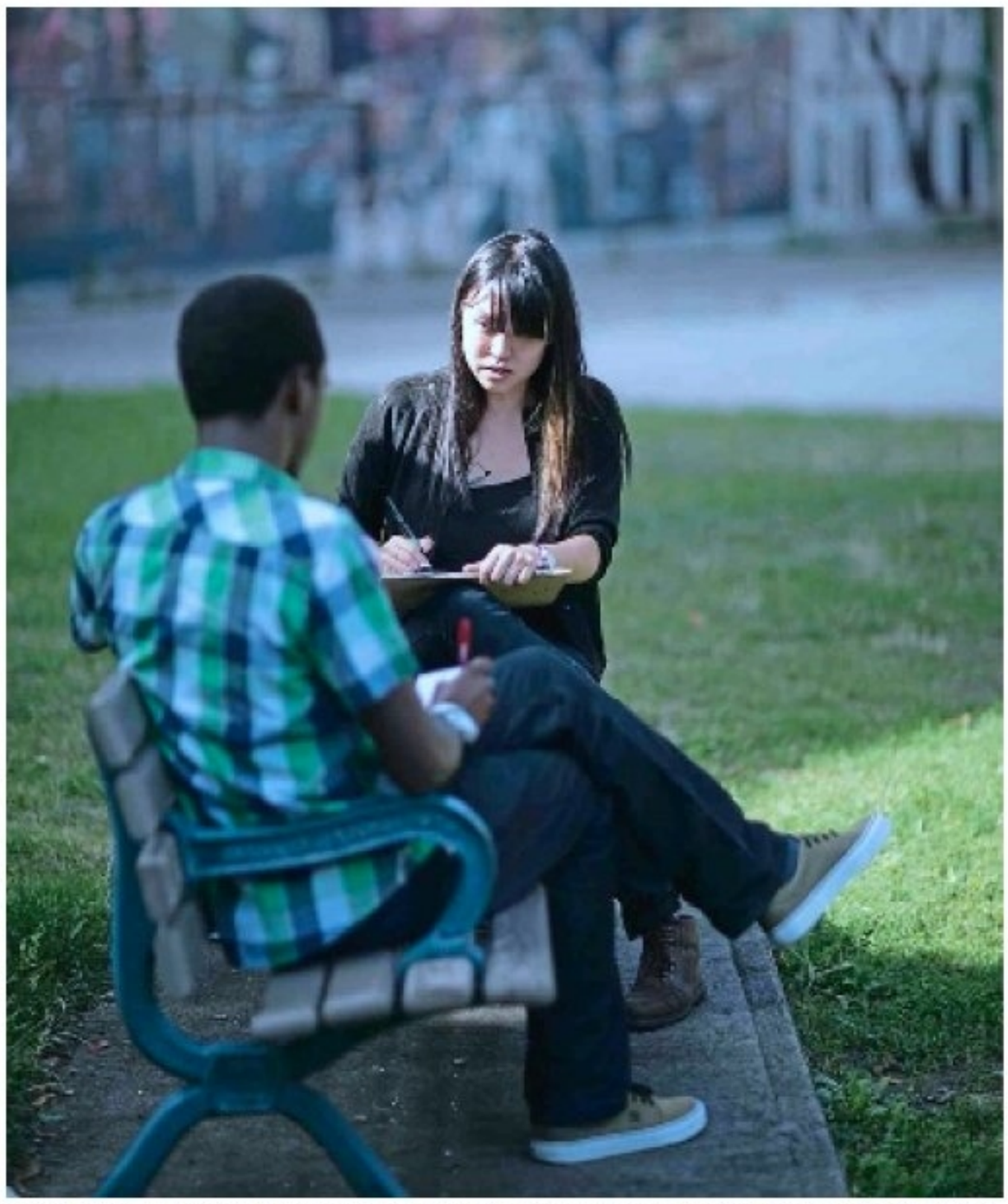
The faces of Moss Park



Moss Park artist Iain Lew Kee draws a sketch of Metro reporter Gilbert Ngabo. She'll be busy at work Saturday as part of the More Moss Park Portraits project. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

COMMUNITY GATHERING

Artists to do sketches as residents talk improvements

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

It takes less than 10 minutes for Iain Lew Kee to complete a sketch of anyone sitting in front of her.

"These days most sketches are drawn on computers but I still love to take a clipboard and draw in a traditional way," Kee, who recently completed the animation program at Sheridan College.

"You can't push the 'undo' button here but it somehow feels more free."

She'll have plenty of work to do this Saturday as Moss Park residents come together to celebrate their community and share ideas on how to improve it.

From 7 a.m. to midnight, Kee and seven other local artists will take turns creating portraits, drawings and photographs of the people who live, work and play in the area near Queen and Sherbourne streets. The project is part of an ongoing discussion about revitalizing Moss Park. The neighbourhood is home to a diverse and often lower-income population — ranging from Toronto Community Housing residents to sex workers and indigenous groups — and the city is looking for their input.

"We're taking a different approach to public consultations," said Curran Stikuts, a community organizer with The 519. "Instead of people sitting in a meeting and listening, they come together as a community and have some fun while sharing ideas."

Over 1,000 people have already offered suggestions, Stikuts said, including a community kitchen space, more programming for kids and adults, more benches in parks and increased accessibility for those with mobility issues.

For Kee, Saturday will be a homecoming for someone who grew up in Moss Park. She learned to swim at the nearby community centre and even got her first job as a life guard there.

"It really feels like a family to me," she said. "Walking into the centre and seeing all different faces, it's going to be amazing to put it all into art."

CYCLIST

Cabbie charged in collision

A 57-year-old taxicab driver has been charged after a cab was caught on video last week striking a cyclist and sending him tumbling onto the sidewalk.

Toronto police said a taxi driver was northbound on Bay St. downtown near Saint Mary St. at around 5:45 p.m. on August 18.

Meanwhile, a 31-year-old cyclist — a courier with Favour delivery — was also riding northbound on Bay, near Gerrard St. E.

Police said both the two got into a "physical altercation" of some kind, but continued heading north on Bay before the cyclist was then allegedly struck by the cab.

Police said at the time that witnesses called them to say the cab driver seemingly swerved to hit the courier.

In the YouTube video, apparently taken by a rider in a nearby vehicle, the cyclist is seen pushing at the cab's passenger window.

He's quickly hit by the cab and is seen tumbling off his wheels.

The cyclist suffered minor injuries, police said.

Ali Farkhondehfall is due to appear in Old City Hall on Oct. 4..

Const Clint Stibbe said Thursday that Farkhondehfall faces one count of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, as well as assault with a weapon — in this case, the taxicab.

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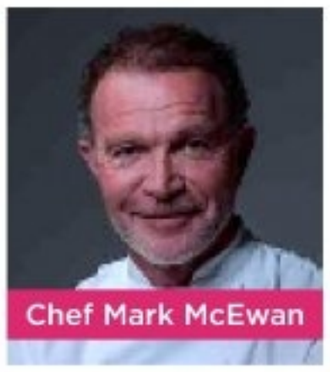

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Lyndon Morley, seen with wife Susannah and son Rowan, is among many parents and residents protesting the proposed 38-storey building at 411 Church St. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trustee wants condo builder to see the light

URBAN PLANNING

School board, parents fight to keep sunshine accessible

Canada's largest school board is fighting a proposed condo development in the downtown core that threatens to leave a local elementary school in the shadows.

The 38-storey mixed-use building slated to be built at Church and Wood Sts., at the southern end of the Church-Wellesley Village, would cast a shadow on the nearby Church Street Junior Public School, prompting the Toronto District School Board to join those battling to save the sunshine for the elementary school students.

"We need to protect these young kids," said Chris Moise, the rookie trustee who, just six weeks into the job, rallied the TDSB to participate in an Ontario Municipal Board hearing — a rare move for the school board.

"We know (sun) is important for the kids," said Moise. "It helps your mood, it helps you learn ... It's good for cognitive growth."

"To remove any other opportunities for sunlight ... I think it's almost a criminal act," particularly in Canada's northern climate, added local Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam.

> **The quality of living space for children cannot be compromised.**
> Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam

Since the students are "bound to the school grounds," Wong-Tam said, "the quality of living space for children cannot be compromised."

The OMB, the province's quasi-judicial body that handles land and planning disputes, will decide the fate of 411 Church St. in the coming months following a two-day hearing this week. The space is currently used as a parking lot.

At the hearing, the city, which is leading the fight to save the sun, put forward an altered, 25-storey design.

Their model is intended to limit the shadow mostly within that of existing buildings and, notably, within the shadow to be cast by a 37-storey tower going up at 70 and 72 Carlton St. — next door to the proposed building.

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INCLUSIVITY

City considers pay-to-play tennis courts

Tom Nguyen serves a ball in High Park. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The city is exploring a pay-to-play option for its public tennis courts.

Starting April next year, a pilot project will be launched at four public courts in Toronto, allowing people to purchase a one-hour permit via an online booking system. Currently, access to public courts is free on a first come, first serve basis.

Coun. Joe Mihevc said the city isn't looking to make any extra money but simply test if the new approach could better manage access to public tennis courts.

"In the vast majority of downtown wards, we don't have even enough courts to accommodate tennis lessons for kids," he said.

"If people are being squeezed out, then that's not a good system, and something needs to change."

Mihevc said the pilot will be implemented outside the downtown core first, and a decision to expand it or stop it altogether will be made after evaluation.

The city's parks, forestry and recreation committee hasn't set the price for the permit yet, but Mihevc hopes it'll be affordable.

"You want to make sure it's not just for the rich people," he said.

Kew Gardens tennis club manager Neil McKechnie said the city needs to better maintain its existing courts in order to attract users.

"Down the street from us there are two public courts but no one uses them because they're in very bad shape," he said.

"I'm a firm believer in inclusion and giving access to all, but unfortunately it's not going to happen until there are more courts with decent maintenance."

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A League of their own

E-SPORTS

Fans to take over ACC for finals of world's biggest game

Colin McNeil and Kevin Hamilton
Metro | Toronto

Thirteen-thousand fans breathe in the arena atmosphere in Berlin as the 2015 League of Legends world championship finals get underway. E-sports have been growing in popularity, and events are starting to attract as many viewers — or more — as other professional sports. RIOT GAMES

This Sunday, 15,000 screaming fans will pack the Air Canada Centre to cheer on their champions, bang inflatable thundersticks and gorge themselves on stadium food.

But it's not hockey season, and the Raptors are two months away from taking the court. Instead, it's the North American championship series for League of Legends — the most popular video game on the planet.

It's the biggest e-sport event ever played in Canada, and for Isaac "Azael" Cummings Bentley, it's been a long time coming.

"For a lot of Canadian fans – and there is a massive Canadian fan base ... there's always been a feeling of being neglected," says the retired pro gamer turned commentator from Kingston. Despite his nearly decade-long career, this weekend's final is the first event close enough for his family to attend.

Cummings Bentley hopes the sold-out show is a sign more e-sports events will come to Toronto. "The fact that there's been long-term, incredible support for the Leafs and the Blue Jays and the Raptors really shows how passionate the city is about competition," he said.

36M

Number of viewers last year's League's world championships drew — more than the NBA finals, which was 31 million.

Whalen Rozelle, director of e-sports for Riot Games, the company behind League of Legends, agrees. "Everyone is a sports fan; you just have to find the right sport. And this is the sport for an entire new generation," he said. "I think there will be a world where you see crowds of 60, 70, 80 thousand enjoying e-sports events."

To celebrate the League of Legends finals, Toronto's nascent e-sport community is overclocking its efforts. Raiders Esports Centre at Yonge and St. Clair is holding viewing parties, with League on 35 screens, including a 200-foot projector.

A few subway stops north at Yonge and Eglinton, Good Game Bar is preparing for a bigger, less Canadian crowd than usual — fielding interest from fans as far away as Australia.

Owner Pavel Kabargine says huge e-sports events like these are a great way to showcase Toronto to the world. "The 6ix doesn't just have Drake," he says.

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HOME HEROES

Jason 'WildTurtle' Tran

Jason Tran
CONTRIBUTED

Team: Immortals
Hails from: Toronto.

"WildTurtle" is definitely a guy who is known as a very aggressive player. He's kind of like a happy-go-lucky guy, always seen with a smile on his face," says e-sports commentator Isaac "Azael" Cummings Bentley.

Andy "Smoothie" Ta

Andy Ta
CONTRIBUTED

Team: Cloud9
Hails from: Edmonton.

"Smoothie" is "very well respected among the pro teams as someone who's one of the top players in his role, but because he's a newer player, he hasn't gained as much attention," said Cummings Bentley. "But I think ... people are starting to really realize just how good this guy is."

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METRO SUMMER FIELD TRIP

Restorative ruins

The grounds of Guildwood Park are eerily quiet. The occasional butterfly breaks the stillness, fluttering between the fragments of history scattered across the lush Scarborough landscape. We paused there to soak in the atmosphere.

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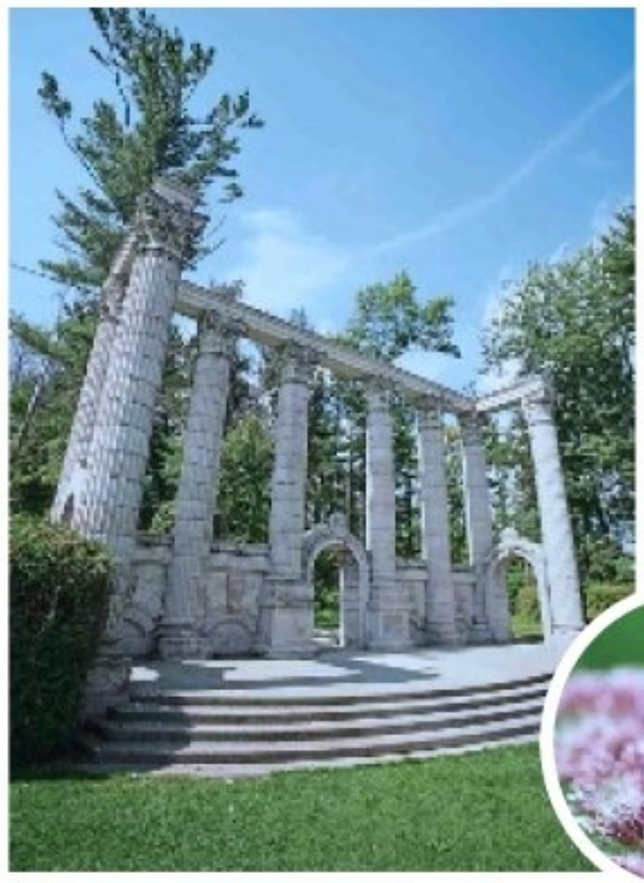

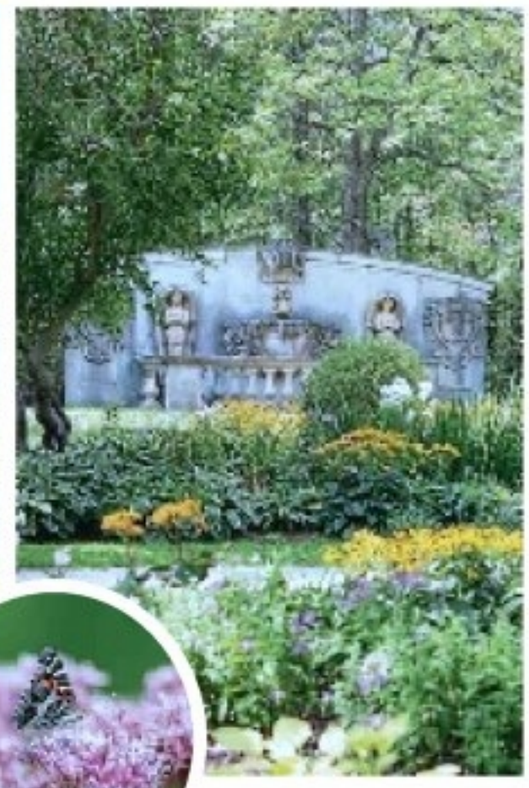

The park is the former estate of Rosa Breithaupt Hewetson and Spencer Clark, passionate patrons of the arts who collected architectural remnants from demolished buildings of the early 20th century. Turned over to the city in 1977, the park features many of the original pieces among vibrant gardens and alongside scenic walking trails.

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FERRY TERMINAL

Pokéstop reductions peeve players

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Pokémon GO players have their drowzees in a knot over Mayor John Tory's decision to remove a number of Pokéstops at the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal.

Tory told Torstar News Service that he personally emailed the CEO of Pokémon GO's developer, Niantic, last week to reduce the number of Pokéstops (places where the virtual creatures can be found).

Within days, Niantic's head of operations and Tory had reached an agreement to pare down from nine to four at the terminal.

Players at the ferry terminal.

Pokémon Go player Lynn Flatley called it "a knee-jerk response based on not even understanding the situation."

She said she hasn't seen any issues with overcrowding or garbage, just young people having fun and getting outside.

Fellow player Ian McIlravey also said he doesn't think it was the right move.

"Removing the Pokéstops won't discourage that many people from going there because many water-type Pokémon that are less common elsewhere still spawn along the waterfront," he wrote in an email.

"They should have embrace the Pokémania and allowed for vendors and food trucks that follow a healthy/active living lifestyle in the area," he added.

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GENDER EQUALITY

Child care key to wage gap, report says

Ontario must immediately commit to an affordable and publicly funded child-care system if it hopes to eliminate the significant pay gap between men and women, a government-commissioned report says.

The recommendations on reducing wage inequity call for urgent investment in both child care and elder care, arguing that "insufficient options" often force women to shoulder unpaid caregiving roles — sometimes at the expense of paid work.

"While the statistics and the research demonstrate clearly the many barriers to pay equity, what resonated the most was hearing individual stories of the difficulties of coping with multiple jobs, juggling family responsibilities and not realizing a return on their investment in education," said Emanuela Heyninck, who sat on the Gender Wage Gap Strategy Steering Committee and is head of Ontario's Pay Equity Office.

On average, women's annual earnings in Ontario are 29 per cent lower than men's. In 2014, Premier Kathleen Wynne directed the Ministry of Labour to tackle that disparity — and the committee's report serves as the blueprint for change.

1.8M

1.8 million Ontario women are unpaid caregivers

Its top recommendation is immediate investment in child care, suggesting that committing 1 per cent of the province's gross domestic product to child-care spending as a "useful" benchmark. The impact, the report argues, is felt disproportionately by women, who are more likely to miss work, retire early, turn down job opportunities, or quit their jobs because of unpaid family responsibilities, research shows. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Merrily, merrily made the leap from online thanks in part to the popup program, said **co-owner Jen McIver.** LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Popup plan flourishes

SMALL BUSINESS

Danforth sees big drop in vacancies

May Warren
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Not long ago, 1854 Danforth Ave. was a vacant storefront, boasting a "for rent" sign and torn paper covering the windows.

Today, it's home to Merrily, merrily, a children's store that co-owner Jen McIver describes as a "physical Etsy destination" full of "upcycled whimsy."

The store owes its success to the Danforth East Community Association's popup project, an innovative program aimed at revitalizing the east-end neighbourhood's retail scene.

Since 2012, the program has helped 32 popup shops find temporary homes along the Danforth. Some, like Merrily, merrily, have stuck around and signed longer leases.

McIver said the program was "invaluable," allowing her online business to "test the waters" before becoming a permanent brick-and-mortar shop.

"Long-term leases are really intimidating to brand new businesses," she said.

Tina Scherz, initially a volunteer who now works with the project, said the commercial vacancy rate along the Danforth has dropped from 17 per cent to six per cent since the popup program started.

She calls it "a win-win" for everyone. Entrepreneurs find homes for their businesses, commercial landlords get tenants and the community gets a more vibrant streetscape.

In fact, the program has been so successful that it's considering wrapping up.

"There are fewer and fewer spaces to pop up into," Scherz said.

Fortunately for Scherz and her colleagues, work may be popping up elsewhere. They're looking to share their experience with other organizations in the city.

They're also lobbying the province to change a policy allowing commercial landlords to be reimbursed up to 30 per cent of their tax bill for vacant storefronts. This creates a disincentive for landlords to support popup stores, Scherz said.

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PM urges Liberals to focus on growing middle class

SAGUENAY, QUE

'We need to look 40 years down the road,' Trudeau says

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau warned his Liberal MPs on Thursday to resist resting on their laurels now that they have formed government, and to avoid becoming too distracted by the daily ups and downs of life in politics.

"We should be proud of what we've accomplished, but never satisfied," Trudeau told the national Liberal caucus, which gathered in Saguenay, Que., to hammer out the legislative and political agenda before returning to Parliament Hill next month.

"I know that it's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day, but let's never forget why we are all here in this room — to help the middle class and those working hard to join it."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau heads to the beginning of a caucus meeting in Saguenay, Que. on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The prime minister said that vision applies not just for the rest of the year, nor even the rest of the majority Liberal mandate before the 2019 election.

"As a government, we need to look 40 years down the road, not just four. To the next generation, not just to the next election. Because when a government takes that long view, it can deliver extraordinary results for Canadians," he said.

The fight against climate change is one particularly "daunting challenge" that lies ahead, Trudeau noted.

Thursday's long-game reminder from Trudeau also comes after a rough few days of negative attention over expensive mistakes by some rookie ministers, such as the thousands Health Minister Jane Philpott spent to be chauffeured around in a luxury vehicle owned by a Liberal volunteer.

The caucus retreat is a way for Liberal MPs to reconnect after the summer away from Ottawa, but also to get updates from cabinet ministers on their legislative plans for the fall.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

FEMINISM

- Trudeau has joined a social media campaign urging world leaders to acknowledge that poverty has a disproportionate impact on girls and women. "Women and girls are less likely to get an education, more likely to be impoverished, and face greater risk of disease and poor health," Trudeau wrote in a letter.
- The letter was crafted in response to a call from the ONE Campaign, which promotes maternal and child health projects in developing countries.

Lone wolves are main terror threat: Report

The main terrorist threat on Canadian soil remains lone wolves or small groups inspired by ideology to carry out attacks, a new public safety report states.

The 2016 report on terrorist threats to Canada drew a distinction between attacks "inspired" by extremist ideology versus those "directed" by terrorist organizations abroad.

"As with the 2014 attacks in Canada, an individual or small group can be inspired to carry out an act of violence … with little or no warning," states the report, released Thursday morning.

"Such attacks can target areas with limited or no security, including crowded public places and public transportation. Even small-scale terrorist attacks have significant psychological and economic impacts."

The October 2014 attacks in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., and Ottawa seem to fit the "inspiration" category — as does the attempted attack foiled by authorities in Strathroy, Ont.

Aaron Driver was shot dead by police after the FBI tipped off Canadian authorities that the 24-year old, who was on a peace bond due to a suspicion he was connected to terrorist groups, planned to attack a major urban centre with a homemade bomb.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Driver's plan shows the need for "continued vigilance."

The report comes as the Liberal government prepares to review Canada's national security framework.

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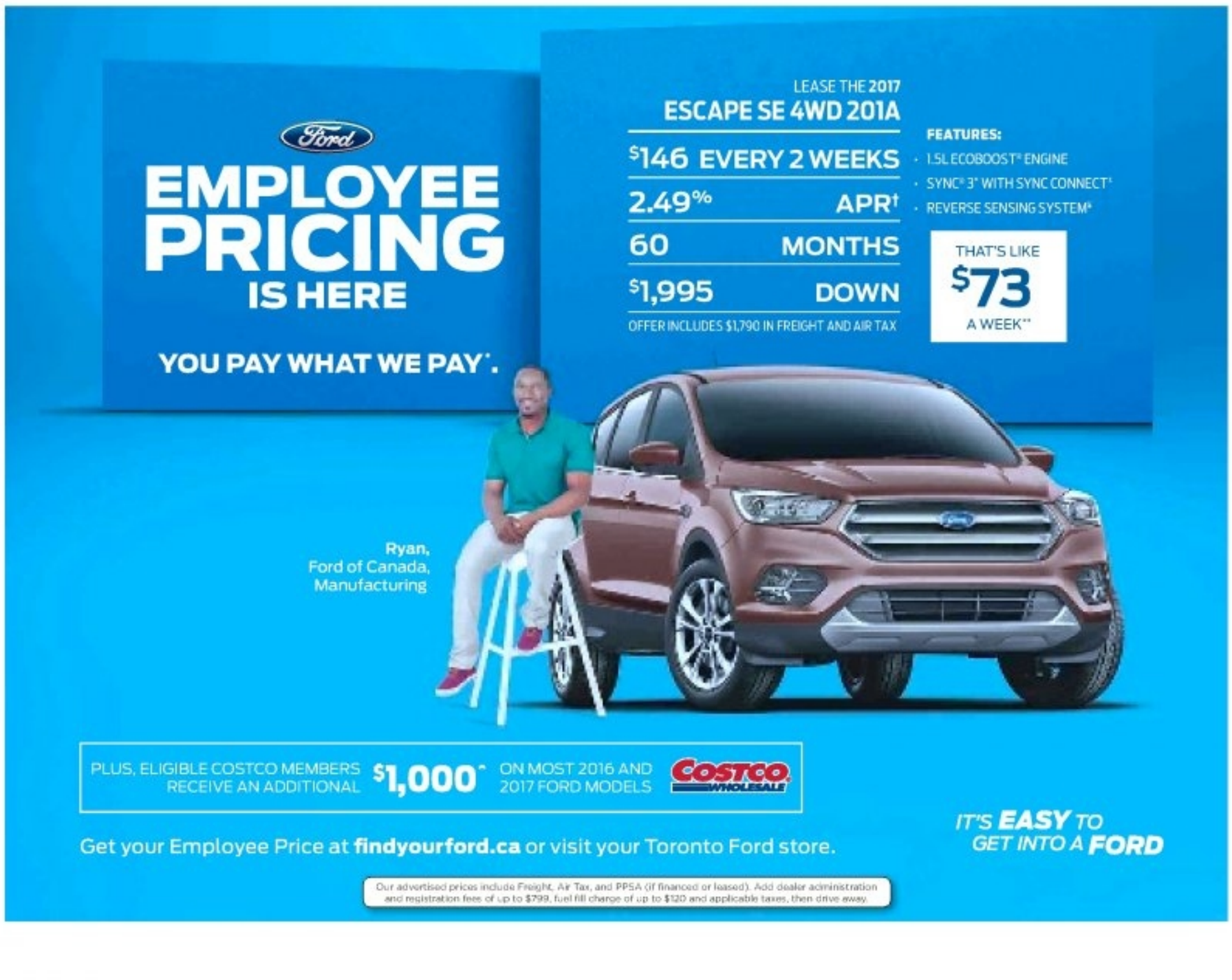
VANCOUVER

Overdoses up at city's supervised-injection site

Drug overdoses have spiked this week at Vancouver's supervised-injection site as workers report noticing an unknown substance has appeared on the streets.

There were 26 overdoses in an around Insite over the two days between Tuesday and Thursday mornings, almost half of which took place during a 24-hour period beginning Wednesday morning. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Emergency workers on Thursday search the rubble of a building that was destroyed during an earthquake in Amatrice, Italy. GETTY IMAGES

Canadian among earthquake victims

NATURAL DISASTER

Canada's Italian community looking into recovery efforts

A Canadian citizen was among at least 250 people killed in an earthquake that left thousands homeless on Wednesday, said Minister of Foreign Affairs Stéphane Dion.

"I was extremely saddened to see the tragic loss of life following the devastating earthquake in central Italy, which now includes the death of a Canadian citizen," Dion said in a statement. "We share in the grief of the lives cut short by this terrible event."

The foreign affairs department did not release the name of the victim.

Dion said he spoke with Italian foreign minister Paolo Gentiloni hours earlier to express his condolences.

"On behalf of the government of Canada, I also extend my condolences now to the family and friends of the Canadian life lost in the quake. Canada continues to stand behind the people of Italy during this difficult period," he said.

The 6.2-magnitude quake struck at 3:36 a.m. and reduced three towns in central Italy to rubble.

Bob Sacco, president of the National Federation of Canadian Italian Business and Professional Associations, says that while it's still early, his organization is looking at options to support recovery efforts.

> **"As soon as day broke and the aerial shots were coming in, I said, 'Oh my god. Entire towns.'**
> Vaughan, Ont., resident Sam Ciccolini, who returned from the region less than two weeks ago

"I got a lot of calls from our chapters in Montreal and various chapters across Canada that basically said, 'How can we help?' The first step is really to figure out who the right people are to have an idea and do an effective plan," he said.

Sacco was previously involved with fundraising after a powerful 2009 earthquake in Italy's Abruzzo region, which killed more than 300 people. At that time, the Abruzzo Earthquake Relief Fund was established, raising $2 million for a new medical research facility at the University of L'Aquila, in one of the towns hit hardest by the earthquake. Another $400,000 was donated to the Red Cross.

"The Italian community stepped up to the plate when that happened there and I'm sure they'll do that this time as well," Sacco said.

The four towns and villages hit hardest were Amatrice, Pescara del Tronto, Arquata del Tronto and Accumoli. All have medieval roots with centuries-old buildings.

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13 dead in attack on Afghanistan university
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Rebels, residents to evacuate Damascus suburb
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Burkini bans face legal challenge

FRANCE

Human-rights group points to freedom of dress, religion

Australian-Lebanese designer **Aheda Zanetti** holds up her burkini swimsuits. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

France's highest administrative authority is studying whether local bans on full-body burkini swimsuits are legal, amid growing concerns in the country and abroad about police forcing Muslim women to disrobe.

Images of uniformed police appearing to require a woman to take off her tunic, and media accounts of similar incidents, have elicited shock and anger online this week.

Some fear that burkini bans in several French towns, based on a strict application of French secularism policies, are worsening religious tensions. Divisions have emerged in President Francois Hollande's government over the bans, and protests have been held in London and Berlin by those defending women's right to wear what they want on the beach.

Critics of the local decrees have said the orders are too vague, prompting local police officials to fine even women wearing the traditional Islamic headscarf and the hijab, but not burkinis. The bans do not generally use the word "burkini" but forbid in a general way clothing that is ostentatiously religious.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls said on BFM television on Thursday that burkinis represent the "enslavement of women" and reiterated support for the bans — but urged police to implement the bans fairly and respectfully.

Two human-rights groups, arguing the bans are discriminatory, appealed to the Council of State.

The council held a hearing Thursday and is expected to issue a ruling on Friday. The ruling specifically concerns a ban in the Riviera town of Villeneuve-Loubet, but the decision will be binding and set a legal precedent on the increasingly heated question of whether cities can tell Muslim women what to wear on the beach.

The Human Rights League and the Collective Against Islamophobia in France say the Villeneuve-Loubet mayor's decree violates basic freedoms of dress, religious expression and movement.

On Monday, a lower court in Nice ruled that the Villeneuve-Loubet ban was "necessary, appropriate and proportionate." The administrative court added that wearing "conspicuous" religious clothing on the beach may be seen as a "provocation" by some people and increase local tensions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Your essential daily news

A Brazilian study says new tests are needed to make sure sunglasses still offer UV protection after hours of wear in the sun

DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

A CHUNK OF ICE THE SIZE OF SCOTLAND

It's literally what happens in the opening scene of the global warming disaster movie The Day After Tomorrow. The massive crack in the 350-metre-thick **Larsen C ice shelf**, which hangs off the northern edge of Antarctica, has grown a jaw-dropping 22 kilometres since March. **The reason: Climate change. The result: It will break off. And it could be bad.**

100 km
The Larsen C ice shelf has a crack 130 km x 350 m — 100 metres wider than last year. A massive piece, a little smaller than Scotland, will soon break off.
Mathematical models of two possible scenarios predict 9 to 12 per cent of the shelf will break away. No one knows when. The more severe case (Scenario II) is now more likely, University of Swansea researchers say.
It's cracking up for two reasons: The top layer of snow is becoming more compact (losing air) because the air is warming, and warming ocean currents are melting it from below.
The shelf's afloat, so a break-up won't make sea level rise instantly. But a jagged edge could make the whole thing unstable. Worst case: If the whole thing disintegrates and all the glacial ice it's holding back melts, the result could be a 10-centimetre sea level rise.
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Your week in science

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RIVER MARTIANS?
If the Curiosity rover had landed on Mars just four billion years earlier, it would have encountered vast, winding rivers. A report in the journal Geology says fossilized riverbeds have been discovered — possibly (who knows!) harbouring fossils of living things — on an ancient region of the red planet's surface.

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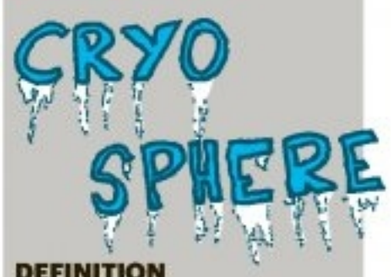

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USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Deborah's been reading those climate-change denier websites again. She clearly hasn't been paying attention to the recent, radical shrinking of the **cryosphere**.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

My massive math miscalculation

Instead of answering a question this week, I have a confession. It's the reason I'm Metro's citizen scientist, and not a real scientist. It's why I'm not a data journalist.

I never took math seriously in high school or university, and I'm paying for it now.

Math and I parted ways in 2007 when I placed the final exam for mandatory first-year calculus on a table covered in all the hair I'd pulled out in the preceding three hours. I suspect the 72 I earned was closer to a 52, because we were graded on a curve.

Not that I knew what "graded on a curve" meant: I blew off statistics too. My program recommended, but did not require it. And far be it from me to do math that was not required.

It felt like cleverly pulling one over on the school. But I screwed myself over, to lasting effect.

High-school stats didn't introduce concepts, such as tests of significance, I need to understand now to report about science. Not that I would have benefited, if it had covered those things: I fudged my way through that class too, earning an A-minus on a final project that probably deserved a D. (Thanks, grade inflation).

I never considered a STEM field, not because I didn't want to, but because I thought I couldn't. Too hard. Too much math.

It was my mistake. But I'd like to foist a bit of blame on everyone who said, "You'll never use this math in real life" in my earshot.

Because, as I've learned the hard way, that is such a filthy lie.

Math is how we decide what's true and false, what's likely and unlikely. When we say we're "informed" about climate change or vaccine safety or dietary fat, we're actually saying we get the math at the heart of these things.

I don't. And I know this blind spot — OK, it's more like a missing eye — could get me in trouble one day. I'm taking AP statistics, an online course designed for bright high schoolers. It's a decade overdue. Not too late, but I do wish I made my education count the first time around.

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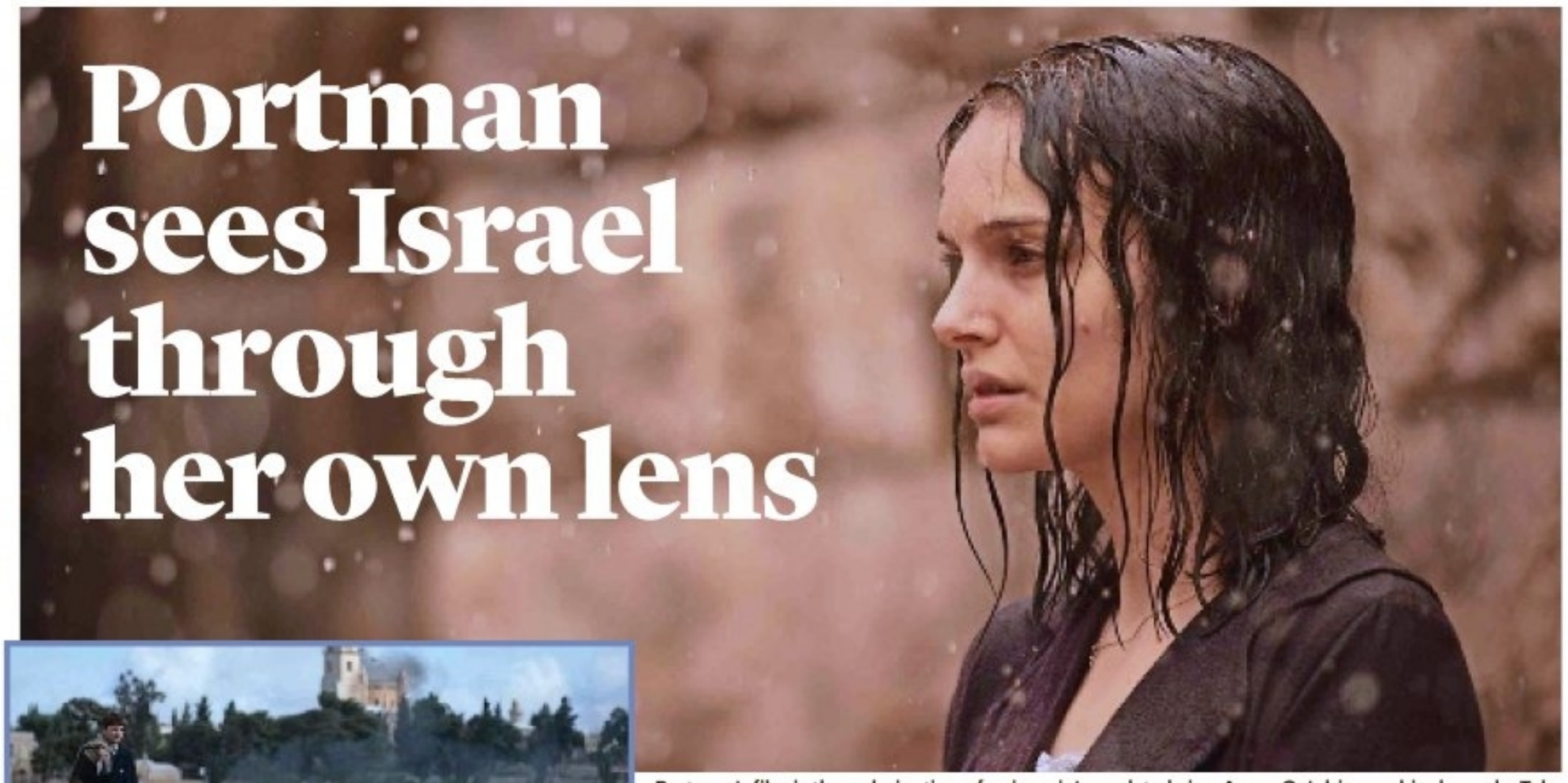

Portman sees Israel through her own lens

Portman's film is the culmination of a decade's work to bring Amos Oz's biographical novel a Tale of Love and Darkness to the screen. It stars Amir Tessler as Amos, an Israeli author who chronicles his childhood growing up in 1940s Jerusalem. SUPPLIED

It took more than two decades before Natalie Portman finally got an opportunity to work with a female director. Coincidentally, that filmmaker just happened to be her.

Making her debut behind the camera, the thespian felt so passionate about turning hit novel A Tale of Love and Darkness into a big-screen drama, she adapted the screenplay, took the lead role and set herself up to direct.

"The relationship between the mother and the son really moved me," said Portman of Amos Oz's memoir about growing up in 1940s Jerusalem.

"Some people have really vivid childhood imaginations of aliens or monsters and that's what they make movies about. For me, it was very much Israel. Those were the kinds of stories I heard growing up."

Portman herself was born in Jerusalem, and the 35-year-old talent has always possessed a curiosity about Israel's earliest days. In her effort to portray the era with complete accuracy, she even filmed the movie in Hebrew — at the expense of the project's potential commercial viability.

"If you make a bad movie that nobody relates to, I don't think anyone's going to come to it no matter what language it's in," said Portman, who recalls critics also told her Black Swan (the 2010 drama for which she won an Oscar) was ill-fated.

"(People) were like, 'Ballet is for girls and thrillers are for boys so who's going to see your movie?' and it ended up being the most profitable film I've been in, in terms of budget relative to box office," laughed Portman.

"When you make something that has emotional truth, you can connect people in the most meaningful way."

Just as Portman has come a long way since she began acting at age 11, so too has Hollywood, she insists. Already anticipating directing again, Portman is encouraged that female filmmakers may be finally getting their day in Hollywood.

"People are actively looking for female directors now for projects; they're much more excited about female-led projects in terms of financing," said Portman, crediting the media.

"I think it's really a case of journalism leading the charge where I think all the writing about it has really changed behaviour."

CAREER REFLECTION IN HER OWN WORDS

On making a period drama on a budget

"This is obviously a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of a superhero movie budget," said Portman. "(But) an audience will relate to it in a deep way and I believe in that."

On her commitment to the acting profession

"Acting allows you do these short stints of intense work and take longer breaks," said Portman, insisting she's not forsaking acting for a directing career.

"It would be nice if I had the luxury of continuing to do both."

On overcoming her fear of vanity as an actress

"As a director I was really able to be kinder and gentler with myself just for the utilitarian purpose of needing to make the movie better," said Portman. "Sometimes I did a good job which is usually hard to admit."

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Like Dave (in Breaking Away), I've also pretended to be Italian — mostly in the kitchen

For the last 18 years I've travelled the streets of Toronto on my bike.

In the early days, before designated bike lanes arrived on some streets, I quickly learned that police will treat cyclists like motorists: shortly after arriving to the city in '98 for grad school, I received a ticket for running a red light. I've never done it again, $185 later.

Today, I'm equal parts frustrated and bewildered more by my fellow cyclists than motorists: those that don't signal their intent, that breeze past open streetcar doors, and that ride on sidewalks (some even ring their bells at pedestrians!) What confuses me most, however, involves what used to be pretty standard street fare: the right-hand turn.

Today, at most downtown street lights where cars and bikes converge, it's turned into a juggernaut that shouldn't be: "cyclists can either stay behind the vehicle," the Ontario Ministry of Transportation advises me in its safety material, "or pass the right-turning vehicle on the left by shoulder checking, signalling, checking again and then passing on the left. Never pass a right-turning vehicle on the right."

Mostly I just see motorists yielding to cyclists illegally passing on the right. When they don't, I've observed cyclists give motorists the finger, kick their door, and yell at them to get out of the bike lane, which — in most cases — they've legally merged into. Once a cyclist even yelled at me for lawfully yielding to a car. It's almost enough to make you ride the streetcar.

Which is why I dialled up the 1979 classic Breaking Away on Netflix. Nominated for five Academy Awards, including best picture, and taking home a screenwriting Oscar, it's the best biking movie ever made.

OK, yes I know there's not a big pool to choose from, but the film, set in Bloomington, Indiana, during the summer that four friends figure out who they should be after graduating high school, was on steady viewing rotation in my childhood home.

The movie climaxes with a relay bike race that sees the the four "cutters"— colloquial for townies — compete against the rich college kids. Their leader, Dave, is so obsessed with the Italian cycling team that he pretends to be one of them.

Like Dave, I've also pretended to be Italian — mostly in the kitchen, which explains why almost every day this August, I've made panzanella salad. Grill stale bread on the barbecue, add cucumbers, pickled red onions, basil, ripe home-grown tomatoes, vinegar and olive oil and you've got dinner — without turning on the oven.

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CULTURE

Music and art a constant in Cuban capital

Grace Lisa Scott
For Torstar News Service

ART AT EVERY CORNER Hip-hop inspired street art on colonial architecture is just one example of how Havana's rich history plays with its youthful side. PHOTOS GRACE LISA SCOTT/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Old Havana, on a hot Saturday afternoon, is almost more than the eyes can handle.

Along the narrow streets, residents yell from their windows, vendors sell tropical fruit from wooden carts, and restless cab drivers dart in every direction. Among the cacophony and colour, two things remain constant: music and art.

Pop songs pour out of doorways as tenants sit on sidewalks, observing the flow of activity. A stroll on these inner-city sidewalks reveals street art and public installations among the bright colonial façades.

From inside a house beside an 18th-century church, a band practises a heavy electric version of Mark Ronson's Uptown Funk.

This is the vibe in this friendly metropolis, where Cuba's rich history plays well with its youthful side.

A wonderful example of this duality of culture comes in the form of the Gran Teatro de La Habana Alicia Alonso, right across from Parque Central.

Built in the early 19th century, this palatial theatre is just one of the many historical buildings swept up in a wave of restoration throughout Old Havana. It re-opened its doors in January.

The home of Cuba's national ballet, this is the place to catch homegrown performers of a world-class calibre.

Thursday to Sunday, a journey to the central neighbourhood of Vedado is well worth it to wander the artistic labyrinth of the Fabrica de Arte Cubano, or FAC.

A converted warehouse run by the Ministry of Culture, lets visitors roam the multi-use arts space. From 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. there is art, music, movies and cocktails to take in along the way.

After a night at the FAC, a worthy mellow Sunday activity is a visit to Callejon de Hamel, a narrow alleyway in Central Havana filled with surrealist sculpture, vivid murals, and barbecue smoke.

The brainchild of Cuban artist Salvador Gonzales Escalona, the painted walls and sculpture park of Callejon de Hamel is an artistic ode to the vibrant African culture of Cuba, and every Sunday afternoon Afro-Cuban rumba bands and traditional dancers perform in the alley for locals, their kids and a smattering of tourists.

Dance, drink and eat an amazing barbecued chicken sandwich prepared in front of customers, all the while feeling like a guest at the coolest Havana block party of the year.

It's certainly easy to enjoy the hustle and bustle of Havana from the comfort of one of its many patios, whiling away the hours drinking mojitos in the sun. And it's a decent option — the Hotel Inglaterra near Parque Central, for instance, is a prime people-watching location.

But a few trips into Havana's cultural scene are too valuable to miss. After all, with all the commotion, what better way to hear the city's heartbeat.

Grace Lisa Scott's trip to Cuba was partially sponsored by G Adventures, which didn't review or approve this story.

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Scenic view of the Nicklaus North Golf Course.
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Top-notch tee offs in the mountains of Whistler

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Resort town ranks among best golf spots

Brian Kendall
For Metro Canada

Whistler is a fun-packed town no matter the season.

In winter, skiers from around the world challenge the slopes of a British Columbia village that, together with Vancouver, hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics. Even bigger crowds arrive in summer to golf, hike and savour the mountain scenery.

With three top golf courses within a five-minute taxi ride of town, and another a short drive up the highway, Whistler ranks among the best — and most convenient — golf destinations in North America.

Golf was added to Whistler's tourism mix in 1983 when municipally-owned Whistler Golf Club opened within shouting distance of a colourful, walking-only inner village that includes dozens of restaurants, hotels, shops, bars and outdoor patios.

Designed by Arnold Palmer, this strong layout is set in a serpentine valley dotted with nine lakes and cut by two creeks. Another attraction is the club's charming outdoor patio, an ideal spot to ponder how to spend the rest of your day. Adrenaline junkies might opt for white-water rafting on the Green River, a zip-line trek across Fitzsimmons Valley, or a mad charge down the slaloms of the world's largest downhill bike park.

No one who visits Whistler is ever disappointed by the scenery. I spotted a mama bear and her two cubs during my round at Nicklaus North Golf Course. Slowly building momentum, this Jack Nicklaus-designed layout switches into high gear on a back nine featuring three strong par threes, all of which bring water into play.

With the successful launch of acclaimed courses by Palmer and Nicklaus, golf's two biggest stars, Whistler emerged as one of North America's most talked about new golf destinations.

In 1993, the Fairmont hotel chain unveiled what purists maintain is Whistler's only true mountain course. Unlike the Palmer and Nicklaus designs, which roll gently across the flatlands of the valley floor, Fairmont Chateau Whistler Golf Course is carved through the lower slopes of Blackcomb. During the opening three grinding uphill holes at this Robert Trent Jones Jr. design, golfers experience an elevation change of more than 300 feet.

There's so much going on in Whistler that many visitors never stray beyond the town limits. But it would be foolish for any serious golfer to come this far and not play Big Sky Golf and Country Club, about 25 minutes north in lovely Pemberton Valley.

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Sheer-faced and massive, Mount Currie looms like a granite god over a brawny valley design by Bob Cupp defined by twisting creeks and seven lakes. Beware the fourth hole, not coincidentally named Purgatory. Water snakes across the fairway no fewer than four times on this 600-yard par five. Even the end of your stay in Whistler doesn't have to bring a stop to the fun. The drive south to Vancouver along the winding Sea-to-Sky Highway is one of the most picturesque in Western Canada. Just past the historic mining town of Squamish, look on the right side of the highway for a 211-yard par three set on a rocky peninsula thrusting into Howe Sound. That's the signature hole of Furry Creek Golf and Country Club. If time permits, stop and play an outrageous thrill ride of a course that's so difficult it's best not to keep score.

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Olympic 100-metre champ Elaine Thompson starred while her Jamaican teammate Usain Bolt missed the first Diamond League meet after Rio

Fans in the 6 in midst of golden era, author says

TORONTO

Local teams creating recent success stories

With both its soccer and baseball teams in first place, the basketball team coming off a historic run and the beloved hockey team undergoing a promising overhaul, today's Toronto pro sports scene is looking decidedly un-Toronto.

The city's recent sporting success includes:

- Toronto FC atop Major League Soccer's Eastern Conference for the first time in franchise history, after earning its first playoff berth last season.
- The Blue Jays lead the American League East, a year after making the post-season for the first time in two decades.
- The Raptors reaching the Eastern Conference final last season, the furthest the NBA team has gone in the playoffs.
- The Maple Leafs finished with the worst record in the NHL, but were rewarded with the No. 1 overall pick in Auston Matthews, joining a promising young core.

Josh Donaldson celebrates with fans after the Blue Jays won their American League Division Series last October. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Together, this makes for the second greatest time ever to be a Toronto sports fan, according to author and professor Bill Humber, an expert in Canadian sports history who teaches out of Seneca College.

"We're seeing a collective achievement in the basketball, soccer and baseball. It's a perfect storm of fan delight given how many years we've had of underperformance by so many teams," Humber said.

"Even with the Leafs. It's ironic that they should be so positively looked upon when they had the poorest performance in the league last year but even that has its positive side, being able to sign Auston Matthews and then suddenly taking the long-term perspective on their prospects."

The only period in Toronto sports history that bests the city's current athletic climate, Humber believes, is the post-World War II era when the Maple Leafs and the Argonauts won five Stanley Cups and Grey Cups between 1945 and 1952.

He points to the Leafs in the 1960s and the Blue Jays in the late 1980s and early 1990s as other periods where a team has been dominant, but the success wasn't shared with the other city's franchises.

The overlap of successful seasons also helps. There were only four days between the end of the Blue Jays playoff run, and the start of the Raptors season last October. A day later, Toronto FC played its first-ever MLS playoff game.

"There hasn't been any downtime for a Toronto sports fan," said fan Jason Miller, who has followed all of the city's teams since moving to Toronto about 20 years ago.

But Miller and fellow fan Matt Banks believe this honeymoon period can only last so long.

"This is it. This is the time for Toronto. One of these teams has to win something major in the next couple of years," Banks said. "There's no better time, where these teams have been stronger, than right now."

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2012

The last time a Toronto team won a major championship — the Argos captured the Grey Cup at home.

> **Revel in it while it's here, but its greatness will be determined by championships.**
> Author and professor Bill Humber

MLB

Red Sox stumble at tail end of road trip

Enny Romero earned his first major league save, relieving with two outs in the ninth inning and fanning Red Sox slugger David Ortiz to give the Tampa Bay Rays a 2-1 win Wednesday and a four-game split with the Red Sox.

Ortiz began the final day of an 11-game road trip on the bench. Boston went 7-4 on the trip.

The Red Sox, who began the day tied with Toronto for the lead in the American League East, lost the final two games of the series.

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IN BRIEF

Rio police charge Lochte

Brazilian police charged American swimmer Ryan Lochte on Thursday with filing a false robbery report over an incident during the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

A police statement said Lochte would be informed in the United States so he could decide whether to introduce a defence in Brazil.

The penalty for falsely filing a crime report in Brazil carries a maximum penalty of 18 months in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARALYMPICS

Putin says Russian ban is inhumane

Russian President Vladimir Putin attacked the ban on his country from the Rio de Janeiro Paralympics as immoral and inhumane on Thursday, while six Russian athletes launched a bid to compete at next month's games as individuals.

Vladimir Putin
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"The decision to disqualify our Paralympians is outside the bounds of law, morality and humanity," Putin said at an award ceremony for Olympic athletes at the Kremlin. He called the ruling against Russia "cynical" and claimed that "it even humiliates those who take such decisions."

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CANADIAN OPEN

Meadow in driver's seat early

Northern Ireland's Stephanie Meadow birdied her final two holes to leapfrog a group of three players atop the leaderboard after a lightning-delayed morning round of the LPGA's Canadian Open on Thursday in Priddis, Alta.

Meadow finished with seven birdies and one bogey to card a score of 6-under 66 on the 6,622-yard, par-72 layout at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club.

The group tied for second at 67 includes Lydia Ko, the Olympic silver medallist from New Zealand, who is ranked No. 1 in the Rolex LPGA rankings.

South Korea's Mirim Lee held the early lead of 5 under through 13 holes when players were shuttled off the course due to a lightning delay at 11:44 a.m. MST.

Stephanie Meadow GETTY IMAGES

When play resumed nearly three hours later at 2:40 p.m., Lee bogeyed the 14th hole before bouncing back with a birdie on 15 and three straight pars to card a score of 67 to take the early clubhouse lead.

Mi Jung Hur, also of South Korea, then birdied the 18th hole just after Lee signed her scorecard to pull into a tie for the lead.

Ko finished her round of 67 a short time later before Meadow vaulted into the clubhouse lead thanks to her back-to-back birdies.

Brooke Henderson, the 18-year-old from Smiths Falls, Ont. who is ranked No. 3 in the LPGA standings, was scheduled to tee off at 1:31 p.m., but didn't hit her first shot until nearly three hours later.

Henderson birdied her first hole before carding a bogey and three pars to sit at even par through five holes.

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TOP CANUCKS

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Ingredients
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp dijon mustard
- 2 x 7 oz cans of tuna
- 1/4 English cucumber, sliced
- 1 rustic loaf of bread
- 1 or 2 Tbsp black olive tapenade
- handful fresh basil
- 3 hard-boiled eggs

Directions

1. Whisk together oil, vinegar and mustard until you have a smooth dressing. Drain your tuna well and place it in a bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of the dressing to the tuna and mash it up with a fork and mix well. Toss the sliced cucumber in the remaining tablespoon of dressing and give it a stir.

2. Cut the loaf of bread horizontally and use your fingers to pinch out a good bit (about a cup) of the soft bread inside. Spread a thin layer of tapenade on piece of bread. Place a layer of basil leaves, followed by a layer of sliced egg. Now use a spoon to mound the tuna next. Follow with a layer of sliced cucumber.

3. Place the top of the bread and press down gently. Wrap the whole sandwich in plastic. Put it on a plate and weigh it down with something. Put the whole works in the fridge for at least an hour or overnight so the flavours combine and the sandwich is easier to slice.

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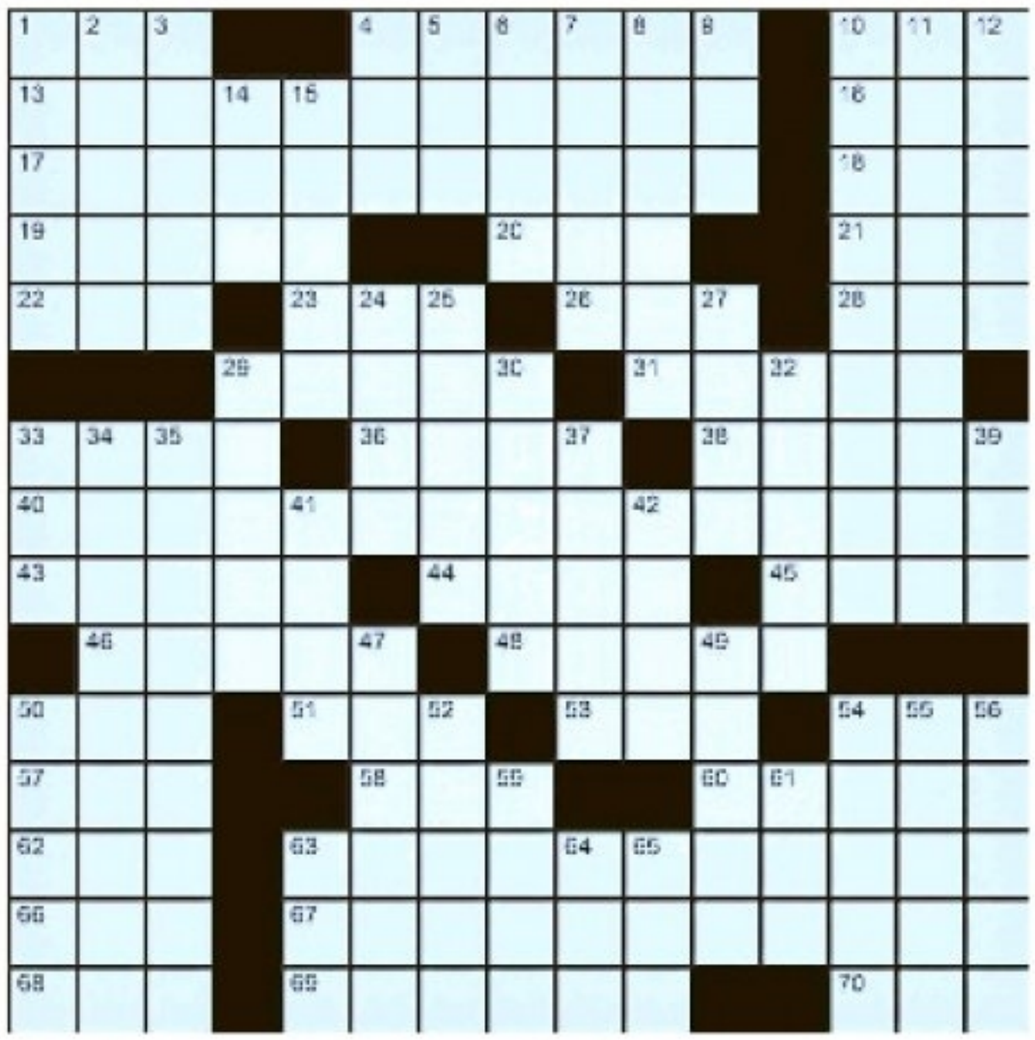

ACROSS
1. Sushi tuna
4. Love Grows (Where My Rosemary Goes) by __ Lighthouse
10. TV's modern-day VCR
13. Downtown Toronto shopping attraction: 2 wds.
16. Sundial number
17. What that guy used to climb Trump Tower recently: 2 wds.
18. Cdn. buying network
19. 1985 Power Station hit: "Some Like __ __"
20. Kimono belt
21. Stage hint
22. Lana Del __
23. Performer's agt.
26. Lorne Michaels' li'l show
28. Owns
29. Pepsis
31. Masterpiece displayer
33. 'Mars'-meaning prefix
36. Wk.'s first days
38. Namesakes of Ingrid's Casablanca (1942) character
40. Canadian who anchors her own show on HLN: 2 wds.
43. Mythology: Rarified fluid
44. Way off
45. Prefix meaning 'Within'
46. Garden plant
48. Arctic boat
50. Ms. Winger, to pals
51. Affixed, abbreviated
53. Laboratory subj.
54. Battery size
57. Grand __ Opry
58. "Yuck!"
60. Envelope insertions [abbr.]
62. Irish coronation stone, __ Fail
63. Yeomen Warders protect them: 2 wds.
66. Muscle, e.g.
67. Randy Bachman's Springtime melts the snow... tune: 2 wds.
68. "What did you just say?"
69. Inattentive
70. Irons, symbolically

DOWN
1. Pantheon of Norse gods
2. High, in Hull
3. Mouse on "The Simpsons"
4. __-friendly
5. Comfy room
6. Sudbury landmark, __ Superstack
7. Used-ticket bits
8. 'Live-forever"perennial plant
9. Belonging to Lincoln's li'l state
10. Helps out: 2 wds.
11. Sculpture or photography or ceramics: 2 wds.
12. Lyricist Tim's surnamesakes
14. Prefix meaning 'Ear'
15. Explosive stuff
24. "If all __ fails..."
25. 1963 Billboard chart-topper: "Hey __"
27. Retreat
29. Salmon varieties
30. Debacle
32. Streamlined
33. Marie Claire's friend
34. Saint-Jean-sur-__, Quebec
35. New Wave classic by Martha and the Muffins: 2 wds.
37. Sends e-mail advertising
39. __ Luis, Brazil
41. "Thou __ __ lady." - King Lear
42. Mr. McCormack
47. Metropolitan maison, pied-__-__
49. Comic books scream!
50. Mr. Lundgren of Rocky IV (1985)
52. Wee hours time: 2 wds.
54. The Sign by __ __ Base
55. Carpenters hit: "For __ __ Know"
56. Groups, briefly
59. '39 to '45 conflict
61. Nunavut's neigh.
63. Paramedic's skill, commonly
64. Singer/songwriter Lionel's famous daughter ...her initials-sharers
65. '__' __ for Jasper

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Do what you can to get better organized now. Basically, you want to turn over a new leaf. You want to be on top of your life; you even want to be healthier!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a lovely, playful time for your sign. Slip away on vacation if you can. Romance, the arts and enjoyable activities with children will delight.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your attention continues to focus on home, family and your private life. One thing that consumes you now is repairs and redecorating projects.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a busy, fast-paced time for you, so enjoy the next few weeks. Short trips, errands, increased reading and writing plus talking to everyone will keep you on the go!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Money is on your mind now. You have moneymaking ideas; however, you also have ideas about how to spend money. (There are so many beautiful things and fun experiences!)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have good fortune in the next few weeks, so make the most of it. Favourable circumstances and important people are attracted to you now. Lucky you!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Work behind the scenes for the next few weeks, because this will feel best. Start to plan ahead what you want your new year (birthday to birthday) to be all

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Friendships are important to you now. That's why the next few weeks will be unusually social and popular for you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Because people in authority admire you, expect to be asked to take on increased responsibilities or to do a special job. Don't worry — you will shine!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Treat yourself to exciting changes and opportunities to visit different places in the next few weeks, because you need a change of scenery. Grab every opportunity to learn something new.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The next few weeks are the ideal time to focus on debt, taxes, inheritances and shared property. Tie up as many loose ends as possible. You will benefit from financial transactions.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Get more sleep in the next few weeks. Aside from that, your relations with partners and close friends are excellent!

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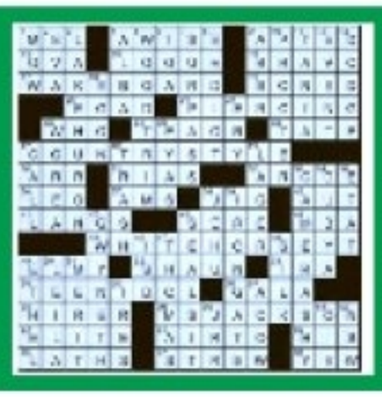

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